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OLD CROSS ON BIG DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY TO BE BIG DAYS IN CAMPAIGN TO KEEP ALLIANCE AT THE TOP

AUCTION SALE ON SATURDAY

Frank J. Was and Committee of Thirty Are Assisted by Energetic Women in Campaign

The big drive for fifteen million new members for the Red Cross of America is on this week. Friday and Saturday will be big days in Alliance and Box Butte county is expected to show up in true form at the close of the campaign.

The Alliance Chapter of the Red Cross has been doing great work. The headquarters in the court house is a busy place day after day. But the material used and the necessary expenses cost money and along with the membership campaign this week a campaign is being made to secure donations for funds for the local treasury, which is much in need of cash to carry on the good work.

One of the main features of the campaign is the big auction sale to be held in the public square at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Colonel Harry P. Coursey has donated his services for the occasion and he promises to get top prices for every article sold. If the weather is bad the auction will be held in the opera house.

A committee of the ladies is waiting on the Alliance merchants, accepting articles which the merchants care to give and which can be used at the bazaar and auction. At 9 o'clock Saturday morning a bunch of Red Cross drays will start over town, collecting eatables and articles which the housewives wish to donate for the good of the Red Cross. A can of beans, a glass of jelly, a jar of fruit, or anything which can be used at the auction will be gladly accepted. The drays will have bells on and their coming will be heard. Boy Scouts will accompany each dray and call at the houses for the articles donated.

The page announcement contained on the last page of section two of this issue of The Herald is full of interest. Read it. Then do your duty in helping make a success of the campaign this week.

COLORED WOMEN IN BIG FIERCE BATTLE

Engine Wipers at Round House Use Fists and Throw "Irish Boquets" at Each Other

The Burlington round house in Alliance was the scene of a fierce and bloody battle at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The participants were two of the colored women who have been holding down the job of engine wipers. There were five of them. Now there are three.

A heavy-set colored woman held down the job as boss of the wiping gang. She aroused the jealousy of one of her underlings—a slim, little woman of color. Promptly at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening the little one grabbed an iron bar, according to bystanders, and slipping up to the forewoman landed the latter a vicious blow on the back of the head. It didn't faze the big one who turning, got a half-Nelson on the little one and proceeded to give her her just dues. The little one slipped away and began raining "Irish boquets" (brickbats) in the direction of the forewoman who advanced through the rain of boquets and put the little one to flight.

About this time Foreman Irwin came upon the scene and "canned" them both. The little one went after a "gun" and the big one laughed until her big green earrings shook with a sound like the bang, bang of the kids' swing in the city park on a cold, windy night.

A truce has been declared for the present.

Business to Be Continued

The business of the late A. P. Howe, Hides, Felts, Wool and Furs, will be continued at Crawford, Nebr., under the supervision of the local manager who has been in close touch with Mr. Howe's plans and purposes since the business started and is in full sympathy with the principle of FAIR DEALING on which he made the business a success.

We will be pleased to have your shipments as usual and can assure you of prompt returns at highest prices justified by the market. 3-41-9006. L. A. HOWE, Mgr.

Death of Mrs. Gurley

The death of Mrs. Myrtle Margaret Gurley, wife of F. G. Gurley, Burlington trainmaster at Alliance, occurred at his home on Big Horn avenue on Friday night, following an illness of two weeks from pneumonia. Mrs. Gurley was 29 years and nine months of age at the time of her death. A specialist was called from Omaha but he gave no hope. She was conscious at the time of her death.

Mrs. Gurley was born in Tillamook, Ore. She received her education in St. Helen's Hall at that place. She was Miss Myrtle Smith before her marriage. She was possessed of an exceptional voice and often favored local audiences with musical selections.

Dean William Carson Shaw preached a short funeral sermon at the home Saturday afternoon, after which the body was shipped to Sheridan, Wyo., for burial. She is survived by her husband and a baby daughter. Also her father, who lives at Sheridan, and a sister and brother. Mr. Gurley has the sympathy of the entire community in his hour of bereavement.

ATTORNEYS DONATE TIME FOR HELPING

Questionnaires Being Mailed Each Day by Local Board to Men of Draft Age

Beginning with last Saturday the local board started mailing out forty questionnaires—the blanks which must be filled out for information in classifying the men of draft age—to those who registered in Box Butte county. These blanks must be filled and returned to the local board within seven days.

The attorneys of Alliance are donating their time and talent in assisting registrants to fill out their blanks. Eugene Burton, of Alliance, is chairman of the county board, the other members being Attorneys Mitchell and Metz.

All of the Alliance attorneys are donating their time and on the days given on the following calendar will be at the courthouse in Alliance to assist registrants in filling out their blanks.

Calendar

Wednesday, December 19th.—Forenoon, Basye, Reddish. Afternoon, Metz, Gantz.

Thursday, December 20th.—Forenoon, Boyd, Berry. Afternoon, Mitchell, Tuttle.

Friday, December 21st.—Forenoon, Burton, Bullock. Afternoon, Basye, Reddish.

Saturday, December 22nd.—Forenoon, Metz, Gantz. Afternoon, Boyd, Berry.

Monday, December 24th.—Forenoon, Mitchell, Tuttle. Afternoon, Burton, Bullock.

Wednesday, December 26th.—Forenoon, Basye, Reddish. Afternoon, Metz, Gantz.

Thursday, December 27th.—Forenoon, Boyd, Berry. Afternoon, Mitchell, Tuttle.

Friday, December 28th.—Forenoon, Burton, Bullock. Afternoon—Basye, Reddish.

Saturday, December 29th.—Forenoon, Metz, Gantz. Afternoon, Boyd, Berry.

Monday, December 31st.—Forenoon, Mitchell, Tuttle. Afternoon, Burton, Bullock.

BUSINESS PICKS UP AT THE COURT HOUSE

Last week Judge Tash was quite disappointed in the number of entries into the matrimonial game. However, this week he can smile again as up until Thursday he has issued four licenses and performed one marriage.

Licenses was issued to William Bignell and Mrs. Mary James, this couple being married at the home of the bride last Tuesday morning by Rev. C. F. Black. The other licenses were issued to Bert E. Graham and Miss Lillian M. Ryan, both of Curley, Sioux county. To George O. Howard of Melveta and Miss Stella P. Kiester, of Hemingford; to C. Russell Mellick and Elsie M. Green, both of Hemingford. The latter couples all will hold home weddings.

The marriage performed was a duplication of the Mexican wedding of three weeks ago except for the fact that the parties had a young woman interpreter. The couple married were Peter Aroya and Marie Aroya. Judge Tash was almost unable to perform the ceremony, as the bridegroom insisted in imitating all of the judge's motions as he passed through the several stages of the marriage vows. He thought it necessary to do everything that the judge did.

Members of Post M. T. P. A., are rolling up their sleeves for a big membership campaign during the month of January. To the member who gets five new applications during the month a receipt will be given for the first six month's dues of \$18.

COMFORT KITS ARE FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Comfort Kits Made by W. C. T. U. Ladies For Soldiers Cost Average of \$1.50 Each

An Alliance soldier boy, writing in appreciation of the comfort kits said, "We have to sew practically all the buttons on again after an issue of new clothes. After we have worn our clothes another month or two our repair work will commence. Then the comfort bags will be almost indispensable to a soldier."

The W. C. T. U., with the Red Cross, have been presenting the comfort bags to the soldiers leaving Alliance for the camps. The making and buying of supplies for the bags costs about \$1.50 each.

The following people have been generous in helping to fill the comfort bags. Twenty-five cents of each dollar given is paid to the Woman's Council of Defense, obtaining a membership for each:

- Mrs. S. Smith.....\$1.00
- Mrs. Herman Trabert.....1.00
- Mrs. M. D. Healy.....1.00
- Mrs. P. O. Muntz.....1.00
- Mrs. J. A. Keegan.....1.00
- Mrs. Fred Nason.....1.00
- Mrs. Claud Donovan.....1.00
- Mrs. H. T. Harry.....1.00
- Mrs. Glen Russell.....1.00
- Mrs. Wm. Bauer.....1.00
- Mrs. R. S. Harris.....1.00
- Mrs. Brown Griffith.....1.00
- Mrs. John Snyder.....1.00
- Mrs. Link Davis.....1.00
- Mrs. P. J. Rock.....1.00
- Mrs. R. R. Reddish.....1.00
- Mrs. Ida Fernald.....1.00
- Mrs. F. M. Seidell.....1.00
- Mrs. J. T. Nabb.....1.00
- Miss Della Holsten.....1.00
- Miss Virginia Rust.....1.00
- Miss Martha Kieken.....1.00
- H. M. Hayes.....1.00
- John Squib......50
- Chas. Squib......50
- C. P. Man......50

Others wishing to donate can give the amount they desire to Mrs. J. A. Keegan, county president of the W. C. T. U., or lease the money at the Red Cross headquarters in the county court house at Alliance.

NEW SCHEDULE ON BURLINGTON

Heavy Passenger Traffic Cause of Slower Time on Passengers in and Out of Alliance

Because of the increasingly heavy traffic on the passenger trains of the Burlington a change will be made in the schedules, the change to take effect on December 30th.

Under the schedule to take effect on that date passenger No. 41 from the east will arrive in Alliance 35 minutes later than at present. Number 43 will be one hour later, arriving in Alliance at 3 o'clock, mountain time.

Train No. 31 will leave at 3:15, mountain time, for Casper, one hour later than the present schedule. There will be no change in the time of No. 42 from the west. Number 44 from the west will arrive a few minutes earlier than at present.

This will be the second change in schedules made within nearly a month's time. On November 25th a change was made in the time of practically all trains in and out of Alliance.

Death of Aged Woman

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Squires, aged 82 years, died at the home of her nephew, Edward Fenner, in Alliance Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Death followed a sudden attack of paralysis. She came to Alliance a few weeks ago to attend the funeral of R. Fenner, husband of her sister.

Deceased was born in Middleton, Ind., on July 7, 1835. She is survived by two sons, Will Spencer, of Omaha, and Chris Spencer, of Tulsa, Okla. Also three sisters, Mrs. R. Fenner, of Alliance, Rachel Browerock, of Streater, Ill., and Minerva Runyon, of Conro, Tex.

The funeral was held from the home of Edward Fenner at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Tobacco to Soldiers

John Pilkington, veteran patriot, has again shown his care over the soldier boys from Alliance by sending to the boys at Camp Cody two large boxes of "smokes" for Christmas. Mr. Pilkington headed and passed around the list for donations with which to buy the tobaccos and saw that they were shipped to Captain Miller by express in plenty of time to reach the boys.

Sydney H. Foster, architect, located at Gordon, Nebr., stopped over at Alliance Wednesday, on his way home from Antioch where he has been superintending the construction on the new school house.

SHUMWAY SAYS ITS AMERICAN PLANT

State Land Commissioner in City Today — Makes Statement on Potash Situation

Grant L. Shumway, state land commissioner, is in the city today with Mrs. Shumway en route to Scottsbluff and Lingle to spend Christmas with home folks. Mr. Shumway states that the impression scattered forth that the Alliance Potash company was taking potash from state school lands was incorrect. He states that he was informed on apparently reliable authority that the Alliance company was pumping from state lands and that it was the American company at Antioch instead of the Alliance.

In an interview with The Herald Mr. Shumway made the following statement: "We were advised that the Alliance Potash company was taking brine from state school lands and accordingly wired them to desist from doing so. We were misinformed as to the name of the company doing this—it was the American plant. We have been conferring with officials of the American company for several days regarding the matter."

"I do not desire to interfere in any way with the production of potash. I only want the state to get its royalty from the lakes on state lands. I wish to help and encourage the potash industry, but not at the expense of the state of Nebraska. There are over one hundred schools in Nebraska closed for want of funds to run them. The fellows who want the product from school lands should remember that the state wants its share to keep up these weak schools, most of which are located in the sand hills region."

A baby boy was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Carpenter of Whitman, in Alliance.

E. K. Haldeman, of Grand Island, district commercial manager for the Nebraska Telephone company, spent the first of the week in Alliance.

ANNUAL DANCE ON NEW YEAR'S

Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Will Give Their Annual Ball in Opera House

The annual ball of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department will be held on New Year's Night at the Phelan Opera House. The department, at its regular meeting Wednesday evening, appointed a committee to make preparations for the biggest ever and a grand time is promised.

The committee in charge consists of trustees Merritt, Trabert and Buechstein, assisted by Thomas, Hand, Guthrie, Pilkington and Hill. Tickets will sell for one dollar, the proceeds from the sale being used to send delegates to the annual convention at Fremont. Every Alliance owner of property owes it to the department to purchase a ticket or several tickets, for no department in the state has a better record of keeping down fires than has the local organization.

Events at the Court House

Thursday afternoon Judge Tash tried an assault case brought against L. M. Beal by Hugh Speaker, who claims that the said L. M. Beal used unnecessary violence on his person.

Last Tuesday, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning, Judge Tash was roused from his peaceful slumbers by Sheriff Cox. The event was to try a shoplifting case charged against Mrs. Frank Herbert by Tom Stalos. Tom had been missing articles from his store and by careful watch decided that Mrs. Herbert was the offender. He swore out a search warrant against her and this was served by the sheriff at the Burlington station Tuesday night, as Mrs. Herbert was about to leave for parts unknown. The miscreant's baggage was hauled to the court house where Sheriff Cox and Judge Tash dumped the contents of the grips on the floor, an immense number of ladies' silk hose was displayed to the inspectors, also a great many articles that Tom had missed. More in fact that he had enumerated as missing. Mrs. Herbert pleaded guilty to petty larceny and Judge Tash assessed a fine of \$7 and costs. This was promptly paid by Mrs. Herbert, who then grabbed the remainder of her baggage that didn't belong to Tom and departed from this city on the 12:35 train, which was two hours late as usual.

Mrs. Ethel Stoll, of Hyannis, was in the city to have an operation performed last Saturday.

Hampe Is New Manager

T. M. Hampe, formerly manager of the local Haddorf Music House, has returned to Alliance and taken up his former position. He succeeds Mr. Walters, who went to Omaha to work for the same company. Miss H. D. Valentiner, bookkeeper of the local branch, also went to Omaha.

Mr. Hampe and his estimable family have many friends here who learn of their return with pleasure. He is a thorough piano man and under his management the local branch made an excellent showing.

Married on Tuesday

The marriage of William Bignell and Mrs. Mary James was solemnized at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of the bride on Box Butte avenue and was a surprise to many friends who were not in on the secret. Rev. F. E. Black, of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. The happy bride and groom left on the noon train Tuesday for a honeymoon trip to Kansas City and other points.

FEDERAL OFFICER HERE ONE WEEK

Federal Income Tax Officer to Be Stationed in Alliance From January 7th to 15th

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue George L. Loomis, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on January 7th and will be here until January 15th. He will have his office in the court house in Alliance and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for services.

How many income taxpayers will there be in Box Butte county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know. The collector of internal revenue estimates that there will be 210 taxpayers in this county.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

Of course, persons residing in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be at Alliance. The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

Elks Ball Monday

The invitations for the big Elks' ball Monday evening were sent out in unique form. They were headed "Draft number 961" and advised the recipient that he had been drafted to appear at the ball at a certain time and under certain conditions to take part in a well-arranged program. Needless to say the affair will be a big one and well attended.

New Copper Toll Line

The new copper long distance toll telephone line between Alliance and Ellsworth was completed on December 14th. This permits subscribers in Hoffland, Antioch, Lakeside and Ellsworth to have universal service.

The Nebraska Telephone company is putting in telephone exchanges at Antioch and Lakeside, which will be connected on to the new toll line. These exchanges will be completed about February 1.

Frank J. Spon, the well known barber, left Tuesday night for an extended western trip. He will spend some time at Seattle, Spokane and other cities, visiting people who have migrated there during the past few years from Box Butte county.

FIRE DELEGATES ELECTED FOR FREMONT TRIP

BIG CONVENTION COMES OFF IN MIDDLE OF JANUARY AT FREMONT — ALLIANCE GOING

A FIRE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Trabert, Hand and Maunier Are New Delegates Who Will Attend the Firemen's Convention

Ray Trabert, Dr. George J. Hand and William Maunier were elected delegates from the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department to attend the annual convention in Fremont of the state association, starting on January 15th. Alternate delegates are Charley Weaver and Frank Hart.

A number of old delegates and officers will attend the convention. The city council will undoubtedly follow its usual custom of helping pay expenses of sending delegates to the convention. The committee appointed to wait on the council at its next meeting was Thomas, Hand and Maunier.

During the progress of the meeting Wednesday evening the members were startled by the fire alarm down stairs. The call came from the Alliance National Bank building, where a chimney was "burning out" causing much smoke and no damage. After the dash to the fire the members returned to the hall and completed the evening's business.

Thirteen members of the Alliance department are now members of the United States army. A service flag is to be hung from the front of the city hall with thirteen stars thereon. The members are: John Phillips, Carl Roeky, Ed Riordon, Charles Schafer, Johnny Williams, Leo Nicolai, Bill Edwards, George Nation, Carl Anderson, Bruce Mallory, Charley Wokoff, Buck Myers and Roy Spaff.

Rebekahs Had Excellent Time

Friday evening was the scene of a grand time at the meeting of the Alliance Rebekah lodge. A large number of members attended the meeting at which Mrs. Charles Naylor of Chadron, a high officer of the order, was present. Refreshments were served and all were entertained until a late hour.

FAST BASKETBALL GAMES STAGED HERE

Tournament Goes to the Senior Girls and the Sophomore Boys

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights the different classes at the high school carried on their annual basketball tournament. This took in a series of six games, three girls' games and three boys' games. It was a case of elimination. Monday night the senior boys won from the Juniors and the Freshmen girls won from the Sophomores. Tuesday night the Sophomore boys won from the Freshman and the Senior girls won from the Juniors.

The final games played Wednesday were highly exciting. It took two officials to keep down the aggressive spirits of the youngsters. The Senior girls won from the Freshman by the narrow margin of two points showing that the game was anyone's up to the whistle, the final score being 8 to 6. The Sophomore boys won from the Seniors, 15 to 13. Professor Pate says that the tournament was the most interesting ever staged at the high school and the first time to his knowledge that the Sophomores had won the tournament on the boys' side.

Sad Delay in Shipping Soldier's Body

Madison E. Smith, who was killed at El Centro, Cal., on November 26, should have been buried by his mother's side at Ravenna last week. By mistake, however, the body was buried by the military authorities at Yreka, Cal., according to word received by E. E. Smith, father of the young man, today.

As it is, however, the body will be exhumed and sent immediately to Ravenna, at the expense of the government. The agony to the father has been prolonged considerably by the delay in the transfer of his son's body, but Mr. Smith hopes to receive the body by Friday of this week.

George D. Darling, the furniture man, reports the total of five carloads of furniture received during the year. This is an indication of the prosperous condition of western Nebraska and of the large business handled by this store.